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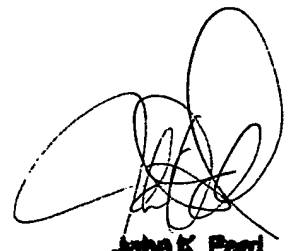
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Pursuant to Mr. Shaw's latest communication in regard to this appeal (mailed February 5, 2006), a translation was ordered of the PTO translations branch, making them aware that this application is being appealed, and the attached translation was sent to the Examiner. If, for any reason, this is not suitable, Mr. Shaw is urged to contact Ms. Relesford in the translation branch. With this communication, a copy of the translation is being mailed to applicant and this communication is intended to serve as notice to the Board that the appeal is ready to be decided.


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